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MEMORANDUM

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TO File

FROM Reed W. Neuman *RWN*

SUBJECT Dead Creek: tip from Belleville News-Democrat

On October 16, 1981, I received a phone call from Linda Gibson, a reporter for the Belleville News-Democrat. She stated that her city editor, Dave Melchior, had received an anonymous call from a man representing himself to be a former employee (driver) of World Wide Construction Services, Inc. (apparently a Kansas corp.), whose business included hauling wastes for electrical companies. The caller claimed that he himself actually dumped PCB's in Dead Creek in the early 70's. Linda Gibson had few other details, and suggested I speak to Melchior.

Shortly thereafter I got in touch with Melchior. He told me the caller apparently was responding to a BND follow-up story on Dead Creek of a few weeks ago. The caller drove trucks for World Wide, which was hired by various companies to haul wastes, mostly oils, from (used?) electronic equipment, transformers, and the like. The caller said he often dumped at Dead Creek, and knew that he was dumping PCB's. The caller did not know if the generators were aware of how and where their wastes were being dumped.

Melchior thought the call was a local one. He agreed to refer the caller to me if he should call again.

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